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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPT AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
HOLDS KICK-OFF MEETING**

WASHINGTON – On June 25 and 26, 2001, the new Tax Exempt and Government Entities Advisory Committee held its first orientation session to begin the process of identifying tax administration issues on which to offer advice to the Tax Exempt and Government Entities (TE/GE) Division of the IRS. The members also addressed organizational and procedural issues and selected their Chair.

“We had an informative and productive two days,” said Donald J. Segal, the new Chair of the Advisory Committee. “We learned about TE/GE’s organizational priorities and programs, had in-depth, productive sessions with the TE/GE senior leadership team, and began the process that will result in advice to TE/GE on how to enhance tax administration in the tax exempt and government entities sector. The Committee is looking forward to finding ways for the IRS and its customers to work better together to achieve common goals.”

Segal is Senior Vice President and Actuary with the Segal Company of New York City.

The TEAC also chose Vice-Chairs based on the unique customer base served by the TE/GE organization. They are:

- Victoria B. Bjorklund, partner in the law firm of Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett in New York City, an expert in the exempt organizations area;
- Perry E. Israel, a partner in the Tax and Public Finance Department of Orrick, Herrington & Suttcliffe, L.L.P. in Sacramento, CA, an expert in the government entities area, and
- John W. Schroeder, Senior Tax Benefits Counsel for Intel Corporation, in Santa Clara, CA, an expert in employee pension plans area.

“I am impressed with the energy and commitment the advisory committee members brought to this meeting,” said Evelyn A. Petschek, Commissioner of TE/GE. “I look forward to working with this impressive and talented committee as we look for ways to improve the products and services we provide to our customers.”

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The names of the 18 members of the new Advisory Committee were announced in IRS news release IR-2001-50, dated May 8, 2001.

Like other federally established advisory committees, the Advisory Committee will hold public meetings when it presents its advice to the IRS. Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, these public meetings are announced in the Federal Register at least 15 days prior to the meeting. The TEAC expects its first public meeting will take place in the first or second quarter of 2002.

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